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AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 8 is a high-level flow chart of a method 220 to store the node capability information in the cache 45 of if the node discovery block 28, by the storage sub-block 46 of the node discovery block. In step 222, the storage sub-block 46 examines the cache 45 to determine of if there is a current entry in the cache corresponding to the node source address (SA) of the node which sent the received frame. If so, the cache entry corresponding to the SA is updated in step 224 by writing the newly-acquired node capability information over the old node capability information.